

Jesse D. Bright Letters

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Biographical Note:

Jesse D. Bright was born on December 18, 1812, in Norwich, New York. His family moved to Kentucky in 1819 and then to Madison, Indiana, in 1820. He was admitted to the bar in 1831 and began practicing in Madison. He married Mary E. Turpin (ca. 1840) with whom he had two children. Bright held several public offices, including judge of the Jefferson County probate court (elected 1834); United States marshal for the district of Indiana (1840-1841); State Senator (1841-1843); Indiana Lieutenant Governor (1843-1845); and United States Senator (1845-1862). He was expelled from the Senate in 1863 when he acknowledged Jefferson Davis as President of the Confederate States. Bright ran for his seat again but failed to win reelection. In 1863, he moved to Kentucky where he served in the Kentucky House of Representatives in 1866. Bright was president of the Raymond City Coal Company from 1871 to 1875. He moved to Baltimore, Maryland in 1874 and died there on May 20, 1875.

Sources:

Shepherd, Rebecca A., Charles W. Calhoun, Elizabeth Shanahan-Shoemaker, and Alan F. January, comp. A Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly, Volume 1, 1816-1899. Indianapolis: The Select Committee on the Centennial History of the Indiana General Assembly, 1980.

Biographical Dictionary of the United States Congress. United States Congress. Nov. 2005. <<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=B000835>>.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists of one original letter and three Photostat copies of letters written by Bright.

Item Listing:

1 Folder.

1847 Jan. 19	Jesse D. Bright to W. G. Brown, ALS
1850 July 22	Jesse D. Bright to his sister, Photostat copy of ALS
1852 June 12	Jesse D. Bright to his sister, Photostat copy of ALS
1856 Sept. 12	Jesse D. Bright to his sister, Photostat copy of ALS

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